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SUBJECT: TURKISH FORCES ON CYPRUS

1. DURING CONVERSATION YESTERDAY, PETROS MOLYVIATIS, DIRECTOR OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S DIPLOMATIC CABINET, TOLD ME THAT HE WAS APPREHENSIVE ABOUT REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO CYPRUS PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU THAT ALL TURKISH FORCES WOULD HAVE TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE ISLAND BEFORE INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE RESUMED. IF THIS NOW BECAME A GOC PRECONDITION IT COULD ONLY MAKE ALL MATTERS WORSE. THE UNSATISFACTORY NATURE OF THE TURKISH PROPOSALS IS ENOUGH TO CONTEND WITH, MOLYVIATIS SAID.

2. I ASSUME THAT THIS VIEW IS HELD ALSO BY CARAMANLIS. INDEED, DURING OUR CONVERSATION MOLYVIATIS TOOK A TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO IS IN RHODES FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS.

3. SINCE DICTATING THE ABOVE I HAVE READ NICOSIA'S 1097, GOING TWICE OVER LAST SENTENCE OF PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH.
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